allied sectors, as accepted by the Government, have been incorporated in the National Policy for Farmers. These include, *inter alia,* asset reforms in respect of land, water, livestock, fisheries and bio-resources; support services and inputs like application of frontier technologies for improving productivity in a sustainable manner; agricultural bio-security system; supply of good quality seeds and disease-free planting material, issue of soil health passbooks to the farmers, and integrated nutrient and pest management system etc.

In addition, for revitalization of agriculture sector, Government has launched two new Schemes namely, National Food Security Mission (NFSM) to improve production and productivity of foodgrains and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) with an objective to incentivise the states so as to increase public investment in agriculture and allied sector and to provide flexibility and autonomy to states in the process of planning and executing agriculture and allied sector schemes. Besides, a number of initiatives, plan schemes and programmes including the initiatives/programmes announced in the Budget 2008-09 have been taken/initiated to address the problems faced by the farmers and for development of agriculture sector.

Progress of package and farmers to Vidarbha

790. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTIRE be pleased to state the progress in implementation of the PM's package for farmers of Vidarbha and what are the expected and actual outcomes of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): As against the target of Rs. 3873.26 crore fixed under the Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package for farmers of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, Rs. 2046.71 crore has been released by various implementing agencies upto 31st January, 2008. Details of the progress in implementation of the PM's package for farmers of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Identified Activities	Achievement as oft 31.01.2008
Interest Waiver	824.98
Major and Medium Irrigation	486.62
Minor Irrigation	453.42
Seed Replacement	76.18
Check Dams	60.61
Watershed Development	8.01
Rainwater harvesting •	0.62
Horticulture Development	48.01
Micro Irrigation	52.64
Extension Services	7.47
Subsidiary Income	25.15
Prime Minister's National Relief Fund	03.00
TOTAL:	2046.71